



SHORTS BY HIGH SCHOOLERS 2017 – COMPETITION GUIDELINES

COMPETITION DESCRIPTION

Shorts by High Schoolers (SxHS) is a short film competition designed as an engaging way to promote the visual arts in our local communities. Each student team will create a short film to be entered into the competition.

The competition finalists will be featured in *Shorts by High Schoolers*, a TV show that will air on WNIN TV 9.1. In the TV show, an expert panel of judges will decide which team of high school filmmakers produced the best short film. Each member of the winning team will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from his or her choice of either the University of Southern Indiana or the University of Evansville.

ELIGIBILITY

- Students must be enrolled in high school on the day the film is submitted.
- Students must register their teams for the competition.
- Students must submit their short film and release form on or before January 3, 2018.
- Students must adhere to all rules of the competition and agree to all Terms & Conditions.
- Students must reside in one of the following counties:

Indiana

Vanderburgh, Posey, Warrick, Spencer, Perry, Dubois, Pike, Gibson, Knox, Daviess, Martin, Crawford

Kentucky

Henderson, Daviess, Union, Webster, Hopkins, McLean, Ohio, Hancock

Illinois

Gallatin, White, Wabash, Edwards, Lawrence



SHORTS BY HIGH SCHOOLERS 2017 – COMPETITION GUIDELINES

RULES OF COMPETITION

STUDENT TEAMS

- 1-4 students per team

DEADLINES

- **Registration Deadline: A.S.A.P.**
Due to limited space, we strongly recommend that you register your team **as soon as possible** in order to secure a spot.

To register, you only need to know your team members' names and contact info. (We won't ask you to tell us anything about your film until you're ready to submit it.) Registration is the most important step, because...

After you register your team, WNIN will send you a link where you can download your **Filmmaker's Toolkit** containing all of the information you will need to produce your film and enter it into the competition. You will also be invited to filmmaking workshops and receive email updates about SxHS events.

- **Film Submission Deadline: January 3, 2018**
Teams must submit their short film and release form on or before January 3, 2018.

THE FILM

- 5-7 minutes long
- Film must be a narrative – tells a story or message. (No documentaries this year.)
- All images/video used must be your original photography/footage.
- All music used in your film must be properly licensed for “creative commons” use, **and** the artist & song title must cited in the credits of your film.
See *Filmmaker's Toolkit for free music sources.*
- Film must be in English or contain English subtitles.
- Film must be produced between January 1, 2017 and January 3, 2018.
- Film must be video or animation – No slideshows.



SHORTS BY HIGH SCHOOLERS 2017 – COMPETITION GUIDELINES

HOW TO ENTER

1. Register Your Team.

<http://www.wnin.org/community/sxhs/>

2. Receive your Filmmaker's Toolkit.

After you register your team, WNIN will send you a link where you can download your Filmmaker's Toolkit containing all of the information you will need to produce your film and enter it into the competition. You will also be invited to filmmaking workshops and receive email updates about SxHS events.

3. Create your short film.

Create your short film using the Filmmaker's Toolkit and what you've learned from WNIN's SxHS workshops.

4. Submit Your Film & Release Form.

<http://www.wnin.org/community/sxhs/>

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PERSONAL INFORMATION

To submit your Film you will be required to provide your first and last name, school name, email address, and phone number. The information you provide will be used only for contest administration and to contact contest winners. Your information will not be used for any other purpose or shared with any party not affiliated with WNIN and the Contest except to the extent permitted by law.

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS

Finalists and winners will be chosen by the judges on the merits of each entry at the competition's sole and absolute discretion. All finalists will be notified by the email address provided in the entry form. If a finalist does not respond to the notification within five (5) business days, another finalist will be chosen. Failure to respond within the time frames listed above shall mean that the provisional finalist forfeits the opportunity to appear on the awards show and eligibility to win the competition.

Finalists will be notified in January/February of 2018.

Winners will be announced during the SxHS show taping in February/March of 2018.



SHORTS BY HIGH SCHOOLERS 2017 – COMPETITION GUIDELINES

RULES FOR ENTRY

Entries may not contain, as determined by the competition, in its sole discretion, any content that exhibits profane language, nudity or extreme violence. Entries must be suitable for daytime television broadcast. During production of entries, no persons or animals may be put in harm's way, and no property may be used or damaged without expressed written permission from the property owner.

An Entry must be the original work of the Entrant, and must not infringe upon the copyrights, trademarks, rights of privacy, publicity or other intellectual property or other rights of any person or entity. If an Entry contains any material or elements that are not owned by the Entrant, and/or which are subject to the rights of third parties, the Entrant is responsible for obtaining, prior to submitting such Entry, any and all releases and consents necessary to permit the use and exhibition of the Entry by the Competition in the manner set forth in these Terms, including, without limitation, name and likeness permissions from any person who appears in or is identifiable in the Entry, music licenses and location releases. Entrants must provide Competition with completed waivers by all on-air talent that grants permission for the entry to be broadcast over the air and digitally. The Competition reserves the right to request proof of these permissions in a form acceptable to the Competition from any entrant at any time. Failure to provide such proof may, if requested, render Entry null and void. By submitting an Entry, the Entrant warrants and represents that he/she and any persons appearing or who are identifiable in the Entry consent to the submission and use of the Entry in the Contest and to its use as otherwise set forth herein. Any Entry not in English must contain English subtitles.

By submitting an Entry, the Entrant acknowledges and agrees that the Competition may obtain many Entries in connection with this Contest, and that such Entries may be similar or identical in theme, idea, format or other respects to other Entries submitted in connection with this Contest. The Entrant waives any and all claims that any Entries and/or other works accepted, reviewed and/or used by the Competition may be similar to the Entrant's Entry, or that any compensation is due to the Entrant in connection with such other Entry or other works used by the Competition.

PRIZES

Prizes are non-transferable and are not redeemable for cash or subject to substitution. The odds of winning depend on the number of entries and the quality of each specific Entry.

TERMS FOR WINNERS

Winners may not request substitutions of prize winnings. All winners are solely responsible for any and all taxes and/or fees as well as all additional costs that may be incurred. If the specified prize becomes unavailable for any reason, the Competition in its sole and absolute discretion may substitute a prize of like or equal value. The Competition reserves the right to condition the award of prizes upon the execution by the winner(s) of a publicity release. Notwithstanding this reserved right, entry is conclusively deemed to be permission by the Entrant for the Competition to use the Entrant's name (without compensation to the Entrant) if the Entrant is a winner to publicize the Contest and otherwise,



SHORTS BY HIGH SCHOOLERS 2017 – COMPETITION GUIDELINES

as determined by the Competition, unless prohibited by law. The Competition reserves the right to require the winner to execute an affidavit of eligibility as a sworn document and provide other proof of eligibility as a condition of receipt of the prize or award. In the event the winner is a minor, the Competition reserves the right to require the minor winner's parent and/or legal guardian to execute an affidavit of eligibility as a sworn document provide other proof of eligibility and guarantee the minor winner's obligations, representations and warranties hereunder as a condition of receipt of the prize or award. In the event a winner fails or refuses to execute or provide any required documentation, the Competition reserves the right to award the prize or award to a substitute winner in the Competition's sole discretion. The Competition may require the winners to be present for/participate in press and promotional activities. In addition, the Competition may request actors and other participants in the Film to be present for/participate in press and promotional activities and the Entrant shall not direct any such individuals to refuse to so participate.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

By submitting an Entry, each Entrant agrees: (a) to abide by these Terms, and the decisions of the Competition, which shall be final and binding in all respects relating to this Contest; (b) to release, discharge and hold harmless the Competition, the Competition's licenses and assigns, and their respective parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, and advertising and promotion agencies, and the respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents and representatives of the forgoing (collectively, "Released Parties") from any and all injuries, liability, losses and damages of any kind to persons, including death, or property resulting, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from the Entrant's participation in the Contest or any Contest-related activity and from any and all claims, debts, demands, actions or causes of actions, suits, sums of money, damages, and liabilities of whatsoever kind or nature, which have arisen or may arise as a result of the Released Parties exercise of the rights granted to them as set forth herein; (c) to the use of his/her name, voice, performance, photograph/Film, image and/or likeness for programming, advertising, publicity and promotional purposes in any and all media, now or hereafter known, worldwide, including without limitation, on the Internet, and in perpetuity by WNIN and its designees, without compensation (unless prohibited by law) or additional consents from the Entrant or any third party and without prior notice, approval or inspection, and to execute specific consent to such use if asked to do so; and (d) to hold the Released Parties harmless and to indemnify the Released Parties from and against all costs, expenses and liabilities incurred by the Released Parties in connection with the defense of any claim or claims on account thereof, including reasonable attorney's fees. By participating, the Entrant also agrees not to release any publicity or other materials on his/her own or through someone else regarding his/her participation in the Contest without the prior consent of WNIN, which it may withhold in its sole discretion.

OWNERSHIP/USE OF SUBMISSIONS

By submitting an Entry, you hereby grant to WNIN a royalty-free, fully paid up, perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive and fully sub-licensable right and license to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, combine with other works, create derivative works from, distribute, perform, edit and display such Entry (in whole or part) including, without limitation, the names and likenesses of any persons or



SHORTS BY HIGH SCHOOLERS 2017 – COMPETITION GUIDELINES

locations embodied therein, and/or to incorporate it in other works in any form, media, or technology now known or later developed. These rights include, without limitation, the right to exhibit the Entry over the air and by digital distribution means, in perpetuity without compensation, permission or notification to the Entrant or any third party. By submitting an Entry, The Entrant acknowledges that the WNIN has no obligation to use or post any Entry submitted. Subject to these Terms, the Entrant retains copyright ownership of the Entry.

MISCELLANEOUS

Released Parties are not responsible for lost, late, incomplete, damaged, inaccurate, stolen, delayed, misdirected, undelivered, or garbled Entries; or for lost, interrupted or unavailable network, server, Internet Service Provider (ISP), website, or other connections, availability or accessibility or miscommunications or failed computer, satellite, telephone or cable transmissions, lines, or technical failure or jumbled, scrambled, delayed, or misdirected transmissions or computer hardware or software malfunctions, failures or difficulties, or other errors or difficulties of any kind whether human, mechanical, electronic, computer, network, typographical, printing or otherwise relating to or in connection with the Contest, including, without limitation, errors or difficulties which may occur in connection with the administration of the Contest, processing of Entries, the incorrect uploading of an Entry, or in any Contest-related materials. Released Parties are also not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by site users, tampering, hacking, or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Contest. Released Parties are not responsible for injury or damage to any person's computer related to or resulting from participating in this Contest or downloading materials from or use of the website. Persons who tamper with or abuse any aspect of the Contest or website, who act in an inappropriate or disruptive manner or who are in violation of these Terms, as solely determined by the Competition, will be disqualified and all associated Entries will be void. Should any portion of the Contest be, in the Competition's sole opinion, compromised by virus, worms, bugs, non-authorized human intervention or other causes which, in the sole opinion of the Competition, corrupt or impair the administration, security, fairness or submission of Entries, the Competition reserves the right at its sole discretion to suspend, modify or terminate the Contest. CAUTION: ANY ATTEMPT TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE THE WEBSITE OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE CONTEST MAY BE IN VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, WNIN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES AND OTHER REMEDIES (INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES) FROM ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW, INCLUDING CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Terms, or the rights and obligations of the Entrant and the Competition in connection with this Contest, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Indiana, without giving effect to any choice of law rules (whether of the State of Indiana or for any other jurisdiction), which would cause the application of laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Indiana.